



April 22, 2005

The Honorable Dennis Hastert
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

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President
T. MacCarthy

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On behalf of the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers (AIAM) and its member companies, I write to express our support for the Dominican Republic-Central American Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and our hope that the Congress will act to expeditiously enact the implementing legislation associated with the FTA. AIAM represents 14 international motor vehicle manufacturers, which account for 40 percent of all passenger cars and 20 percent of all light trucks sold annually in the United States. AIAM members have invested nearly \$28 billion in U.S.-based production facilities, have a combined domestic production capacity of 3.4 million vehicles, directly employ 93,000 Americans, and generate well over 1 million U.S. jobs in dealerships and supplier industries nationwide.

The opportunities for U.S. economic growth and stronger ties in the region are significant, and will be realized more rapidly with the enactment of the FTA. In addition, we firmly believe it is of utmost importance for the United States to demonstrate strong leadership and to further build momentum toward trade liberalization in order to realize broader goals, such as the pending Free Trade Area of the Americas agreement and the ongoing WTO Doha Round negotiations. Swift U.S. enactment of legislation implementing this FTA will strongly affirm our nation's commitment to comprehensive trade liberalization to the rest of the world, and to creating and expanding opportunities to manufacturers and consumers at home.

Thank you very much for your leadership on behalf of the U.S. auto industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy C. MacCarthy". To the right of the signature, the word "For" is written in a smaller, handwritten font.

Timothy C. MacCarthy
President and CEO

